

Doubtless some of your readers in Canada have seen strawberries produced at the rate of 12,000 quarts per acre with a single crop, and without very much foliage. If any of your readers who are growing strawberries the second or third time on the same ground, have succeeded in procuring more than half that quantity per acre, they might tell us what they put on the land, how it was applied, and what the cost of it. Or perhaps they might tell us what ingredient their soil contains, which makes it continue to produce strawberries abundantly. Many others besides myself would be very thankful for such information.

Thirty years ago the celebrated nurseryman, Mr. Wm. B. Smith, of Syracuse, told me that I need never attempt to raise a second crop of apple trees on the same ground. I highly valued his opinion, yet in my conceit at that time I thought that with plenty of manure and hardwood ashes I might succeed. I tried it thoroughly, and most thoroughly failed.

Ignoring that worthy gentleman's advice in this one instance cost me many hundreds of dollars.

I have seen many decaying old orchards cleared off and replanted with young trees; but no matter how well the ground was tilled and manured, the second planting has almost invariably resulted in failure; this I attribute to the want of that mysteriously necessary element which has been extracted from the soil by the old orchard trees.

Whole districts in which strawberries were profitably grown a few years ago are now fruitless. Will the country cease to produce this delicious fruit? I hope not.

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### A PROFITABLE PLANTATION OF RASPBERRIES.

WE wholly disapprove of making public the great successes which a few growers of fruit have had and the hiding of the reverses and discouraging failures of others; because the world is so full of greenhorns that some will be sure to catch the notion that a fortune awaits them if they can but purchase a fruit farm; yet we must be honest and give the bright side when it does appear. The other day it was a St. Catharines grower, whose bean story almost equalled a Yankee squash story, according to which he harvested seven tons (?) of green beans off from one acre of ground and sold them to a factory near by; but to-day it is a Grimsby fruit-grower who has just finished harvesting his Cuthbert raspberries. He says that he has picked one hundred and seventy crates, of twenty-four quarts each, off from three-quarters of an acre of ground; or over four thousand quarts. Now, these were all extra fine in size and worth on an average ten cents a quart in our city markets, or about \$400 for the produce of the one acre.